

November 8, 2010

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Supt. Givens; Chief Beloit; Comm. Maynard; David and Judy Whitten; Nancy Sexton; Tom Hogan – Johnson Controls; Andy Hoehn; Larry Williams; and Pam Robinson – Posey County News.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Supt. Gray stated there have been some small leaks around town, but nothing major and they have been fixed. He then stated the first week of December he would like to attend a conference, along with two other employees, that would get them their CEU's for the licenses. He added they would also need the city credit card.

Board member Askren moved permission to attend and use the city credit be given. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasure had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?
There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?
There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.
Board member Hoehn moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.
Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Supt. Givens; Chief Beloit; Comm. Maynard; David and Judy Whitten; Nancy Sexton; Tom Hogan – Johnson Controls; Andy Hoehn; Larry Williams; and Pam Robinson – Posey County News.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilwoman Hoehn moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Fuelling stated he has no report, other than the leaves are falling and getting picked up.

Comm. Maynard stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairwoman Hoehn stated she has no report.

Chief Beloat stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker stated Chief Waters it out on a run. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairwoman Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they have the Financial Report for October before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated she has given Council copies of the proposed Ordinance to Amend the City of Mt. Vernon Code of Ordinances, title VII-Traffic Code, Chapter 74 – Parking Schedules – Schedule VI – Handicap Parking, as discussed at their previous meeting. She explained this Ordinance will remove two handicap spaces on the west side of Walnut Street, by the old Gundis, and add one on Second Street, south side.

Councilman Fuelling moved the ordinance pass on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Attorney Higgins stated there are still some handicap spots in the area as well.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Chief Waters arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked Chief Waters if he had a report ?

Chief Waters replied he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Councilman Curtis stated he look at E. Lincoln, along with Councilman Fuelling, and there is no parking all the way to Harrison from Main Street on the south side. He added rarely are there more than two to three cars parked there. He then stated he sees no reason to change anything at this time. Councilwoman Higgins stated she can tell the person that brought this up that the Council has looked into it.

Councilman Fuelling stated the way folks park on the street does slow traffic some.

Councilman Curtis agreed and added it does bottleneck for sure.

Councilwoman Hoehn stated with agrees with Councilman Curtis and added there are other similar areas around town, but she does not recommend any changes in this particular area.

Councilman Curtis stated if it were to be made into a One-Way street, it would be pretty awkward unless Sherman was also made into a One-Way street.

Councilwoman Higgins stated she will let the person know that the Council is aware of the situation and they have checked into it.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Councilwoman Higgins stated she and Larry Williams were appointed by Mayor Tucker to see what could be done in the community for Christmas time. She stated the City, Mt. Vernon Park & Recreation, and the Mt. Vernon Riverdays have come up with some activities for December 11, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. She added Santa is coming there will be food and the event will be held at the Park & Recreation Skating Rink. She stated they hope to enrich community spirit for the holidays. Mayor Tucker stated he really appreciates Councilwoman Higgins and Mr. Williams working on this and accepting his "challenge" in doing something for the kids of the community. He added with events like this, you have to walk before you run and hopefully by next year they can have a Christmas Parade. As always, they will be looking for help.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilwoman Hoehn stated she has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker reported the project at 4th and Tile Factory Road, widening of the road and installation of turn lanes, will begin next year, with bids to be let April 13, 2011. He added construction should begin within 30 days of that date. He stated no roads will be shut down but there will be flag men in the area.

Judy Whitten approached and stated the Historical Society has been making great progress on the cemetery project and the memorial area is now fenced. She added there are 26 stones that have been cleaned and that are in place and a larger stone will be engraved soon with the name of the cemetery along with a brief history. She added she would like to thank Larry Wentzel for the donation of his time and labor; the Old Beech Cemetery Board for the financing, and especially Milton Manning. Councilwoman Higgins added this is Mt. Vernon's second oldest cemetery and this is another step in getting some community pride back.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.
Councilman Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.
Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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